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This is a holiday in Paris - Ascension Day. However, a few shops are open and we bought some 18th Century glass this morning.

We lunched with Gaston Palewski at his apartment at 1, Rue Bonaparte. The [redacted] attractive Duchess of Fezensac was there. With [redacted] limited means, Gaston over a period of years has formed an extremely interesting collection of pictures and his two-room flat contains many beautiful objects. He is as faithful as ever to General de Gaulle and says he is hopeful of maintaining a large Gaullist group in Parliament. I believe he is over-optimistic on this point.

Al Gruenther is to replace General Ridgway as Commander-in-Chief of SHAPE. General Ridgway will take Joe Collins' place in the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The JCS is to be reorganized with Admiral Radford as Chairman, Carney as the Chief of Naval Operations, and General Twining will take Vandenberg's place.

Hervé Alphand came to see me this afternoon to talk about the EDC and EPC. With the failure of any agreement [redacted] on the Saar, he fears [redacted] the French Parliament will not consider EDC ratification until its autumn session.

We attended a dinner of 26 tonight at Avenue d'Iena with the Dillons. I sat between Madame Bourgès-Maunoury, the wife of the Finance Minister, and Mrs. Ogden Reid. Her husband has just taken over as publisher of the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune. She is an [redacted] attractive and intelligent young woman. It was a delightful evening.

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